

Optimal group invariant  
subspaces

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Problem: Given  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}, f_i \in \mathcal{H}, m \gg$   
find a small subspace  $V \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  that  
is "close" to  $\mathcal{F}$ . Meaning that

$E(V, \mathcal{F}) := \sum_{j=1}^m \|f_j - P_V f_j\|^2$  is as  
small as possible among all  
subspaces with certain properties.

How can I chose an adequate  $V$ ?

MSAP : We say that a class  $\mathcal{L}$  of subspaces of  $H$  has the Minimal Subspace Approximation Property

if for any  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  there exists

$$V_0 \in \mathcal{L} \mid E(V_0, \mathcal{F}) \leq E(V, \mathcal{F})$$

$$\nexists V \in \mathcal{L}.$$

Aldroubi & Tessera gave necessary and sufficient conditions for  $\mathcal{L}$  in order to have MSAP

Example 1 :  $\mathcal{H} = \mathbb{R}^N$ ,  $N$  huge ( $1024^2$ )

$\mathcal{E}_l = \{ \text{subspaces of dimension } l \} \quad l \leq N$

Given  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^N$ , find the subspace of dimension  $\leq l$  that

fits the data  $f_i$  or minimizes

$$\sum \|f_i - \text{proj}_{\mathcal{E}_l} f_i\|^2$$

over all  $V \in \mathcal{E}_l$ .

Solution:

in german!

\* Eckard - Young (1936) or Schmidt 1907

Singular Value Decomposition:

$$F = [f_1 | \dots | f_m] \in \mathbb{R}^{N \times m} \quad G_F = F^* F \quad (m \times m)$$

$$G_F = U \Delta U^* \text{ with } \Delta = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_1 & & 0 \\ & \ddots & \\ 0 & & \lambda_m \end{bmatrix} \quad \lambda_i > \lambda_{i+1}$$

$U = [u_1 | \dots | u_m]$  unitary in  $\mathbb{R}^{m \times m}$

$$\text{If } f_j := \sigma_j \sum_{i=1}^m u_j(i) f_i, \quad \sigma_j = \begin{cases} \lambda_j^{-1/2} & \lambda_j > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Then  $V_0 = \text{span} \{ \underbrace{f_1, \dots, f_e} \}$  "orthonormal"

$V_0$  satisfies

$$\sum \|f_i - \text{proj}_{V_0} f_i\|^2 \leq \sum \|f_i - \text{proj}_V f_i\|^2$$

for any  $V$ , subspace of dimension  
 $\leq l$  and furthermore

$\{\varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_e\}$  are an orthonormal\*  
basis.

In general:  $\{f_1, \dots, f_m\} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ ,  $l < m$

$G_F := [\langle f_i, f_j \rangle]_{i,j=1}^m$  is a selfadjoint

positive semi definite matrix in  $\mathbb{C}^{m \times m}$

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Example:  $l_2(\mathbb{Z})$   $\mathcal{F} = \{\alpha^1, \dots, \alpha^m\}$  sequences.

The "best" subspace of dimension  $\leq l$

is given by  $V_0 = \text{span} \{ \varphi^1, \dots, \varphi^l \}$

with  $\varphi^j = \sigma_j \sum_{i=1}^m u_j(i) \alpha^i$  with

$$\sigma_j = \begin{cases} \lambda_j^{-1/2} & \lambda_j > 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases} \quad \text{and}$$

$U = [u_1 | \dots | u_m]$  is such that  $G_F = U \Delta U^*$

and  $\Delta = \text{diag} (\lambda_1 \geq \lambda_2 \geq \dots \geq \lambda_m)$

$$\mathcal{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) \quad \tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$$

$\mathcal{F}_l := \{V \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) : V \text{ is shift invariant}$   
 $\text{and has at most } l \text{ generators}\}$

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If the length is  $\infty$  we say  $V$  is finitely generated

$$\underline{H} = L^2(\mathbb{R}^n)$$

$$\widetilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$$

$\beta_l := \{V \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R}^n) : V \text{ is shift invariant}$   
and has at most  $l$  generators}

Does  $\beta_l$  have the M S A P ?

We have :

$\ell_p$

**Theorem** Let  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$  be a set of functions in  $L^2(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then

(1) There exists  $V \in \mathcal{V}_n$  such that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m \|f_i - P_V f_i\|^2 \leq \sum_{i=1}^m \|f_i - P_{V'} f_i\|^2, \quad \forall V' \in \mathcal{V}_n \quad (2.1)$$

(2) The optimal shift-invariant space  $V$  in (2.1) can be chosen such that  $V \subset \mathcal{S}(\mathcal{F})$ .

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and hence  $\ell_p$  has the MSA $\rho$

Solution: Use the range function

$$\tilde{T}: V \rightarrow L^2(\Omega, l_2(\mathbb{Z})) \quad \Omega = \mathbb{R} / \mathbb{Z}$$

$$T[f](\omega) = \left\{ \hat{f}(\omega + k) \right\}_{k \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

$$V = \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ \tau_k \circ \phi_i : i \in J, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$T(V) = \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ e^{-2\pi i k} \tilde{T}(\phi_i) : i \in J, k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

$$f \in V \Leftrightarrow T(f)(\omega) \in \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ \tilde{T}[\phi_i](\omega) : i \in J \right\} \text{ a.e. } \omega \in \Omega$$

This is now finite dimensional!

Define  $\tilde{J}(\omega) := \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ \tilde{T}[\phi_i](\omega) : i \in J \right\} \subseteq l^2(\mathbb{Z})$   
 $\omega \in [0,1]$

$\omega \mapsto \tilde{J}(\omega)$

$[0,1] \rightarrow$  subspace of  $l^2(\mathbb{Z})$  is called  
orange function  $V \simeq (\tilde{J}(\omega))_{\omega \in [0,1]}$

$f \in V \Leftrightarrow \tilde{T}[f](\omega) \in \tilde{J}(\omega) \text{ a.e. } \omega$

(Helson 1962 - Brownik 20?)

We use  $\widehat{\mathcal{T}}(\omega) = \{\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}[f_1](\omega), \dots, \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}[f_m](\omega)\}$

and solve as before:

$$\widehat{P}_j(\omega + k) = \sigma_j(\omega) \sum_{i=1}^m u_j(i)(\omega) \widehat{f}_j(\omega+k) \quad j=1, \dots, l$$

with  $\sigma_j(\omega) = \begin{cases} (\lambda_j(\omega))^{-1/2} & \lambda_j(\omega) \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$

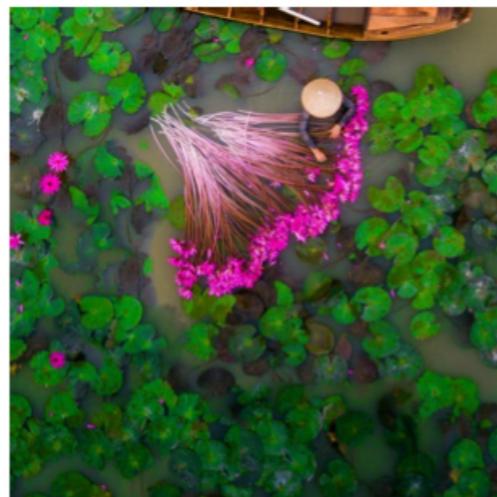
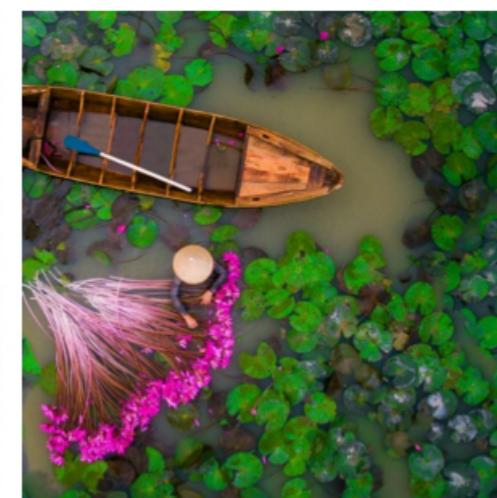
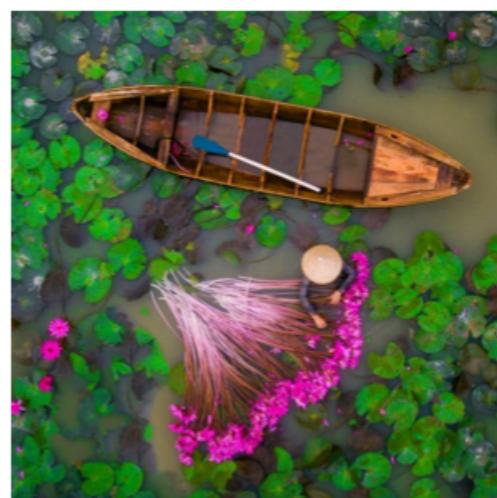
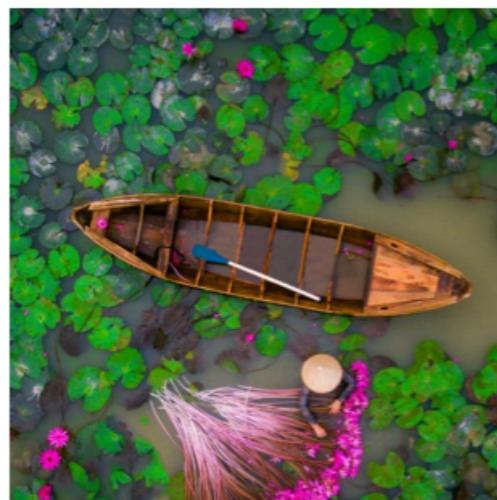
and  $G_{\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}}(\omega) = U(\omega) \bigtriangleup_m(\omega) U^*(\omega)$

$$[G_{\widetilde{\mathcal{T}}}(\omega)]_{s,t} = \langle \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}[f_s](\omega), \widetilde{\mathcal{T}}[f_t](\omega) \rangle_{\ell_2(\mathbb{Z})}$$

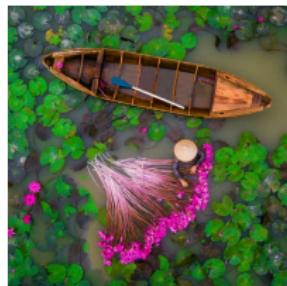
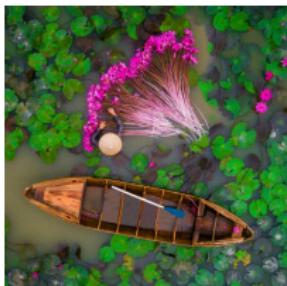
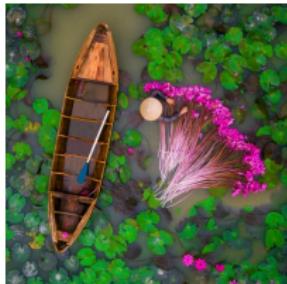
$V_0 = \overline{\text{span}} \{ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_e \}$  is SIS  
such that :

- \*  $V_0$  is minimizer in  $\ell_l$
- \*  $\{ \varphi_1, \dots, \varphi_l \}$  is Parserval frame  
for  $V_0$
- \*  $\mathcal{E}(\tilde{f}, \ell_l) = \sum_{k=l+1}^{\infty} \int_{\Omega} (\lambda_k(\omega)) d\omega$

SIS are good models for images  
with "abelian"  
symmetries



## symmetries in data - non abelian



Can we find a better model than SIS?  
Non abelian group - invariant spaces:

For example: crystal groups

Crystal groups (or space groups) are groups of isometries of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ , that generalize the notion of translations, to allow for different (rigid) movements in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

### Definition

A **crystal group** is a discrete subgroup  $\Gamma \subseteq \text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  having a (bounded) fundamental domain, i.e. a bounded closed set  $P$  such that

$$\bigcup_{\gamma \in \Gamma} \gamma(P) = \mathbb{R}^d \text{ and } \gamma(P^\circ) \cap \gamma' (P^\circ) \neq \emptyset \Rightarrow \gamma = \gamma'$$

where  $P^\circ$  is the interior of  $P$ .

## Theorem [Bieberbach]

The theorem of Bieberbach yields the following: Let  $\Gamma$  be a crystal subgroup of  $\text{Isom}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ . Then

- ①  $\Lambda = \Gamma \cap \text{Trans}(\mathbb{R}^d)$  is a finitely generated abelian group of rank  $d$  which spans  $\text{Trans}(\mathbb{R}^d)$ , and
- ②  $G$ , the *point group* of  $\Gamma$  is finite. The pointgroup stands for the linear parts of the symmetries of  $\Gamma$  and satisfies  $G \cong \Gamma/\Lambda$ .

## Definition

$\Gamma$  is called a *splitting crystal group* if it is the semidirect product of the subgroups  $G$  and  $\Lambda$ , i.e.  $\Gamma = \Lambda \rtimes G$ .

We consider:  $\mathbb{R}^{(\mathbb{R}^d)}$  second countable LCA group

$G$  a non-commutative group of automorphisms of  $\mathbb{R}$  (rotations)

$\Lambda$  a discrete uniform lattice of  $\mathbb{R}$   
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Also: i)  $g \Delta = \Delta \quad \forall g \in G$

ii)  $\exists \Omega_0 \subseteq \hat{\mathbb{R}} / (\Lambda^\perp \times G)$  "Borel section"

Example: Splitting Crystal Groups.

## $\Gamma$ invariant subspaces of $L^2(\mathbb{R})$

$S \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\Gamma$ -invariant if  $S$  is closed and  $T_k R_g f \in S \Rightarrow f \in S$

$$(k, g) \in \Gamma.$$

Consider  $\Phi := \{\phi_1, \dots, \phi_n\} \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R})$  Define

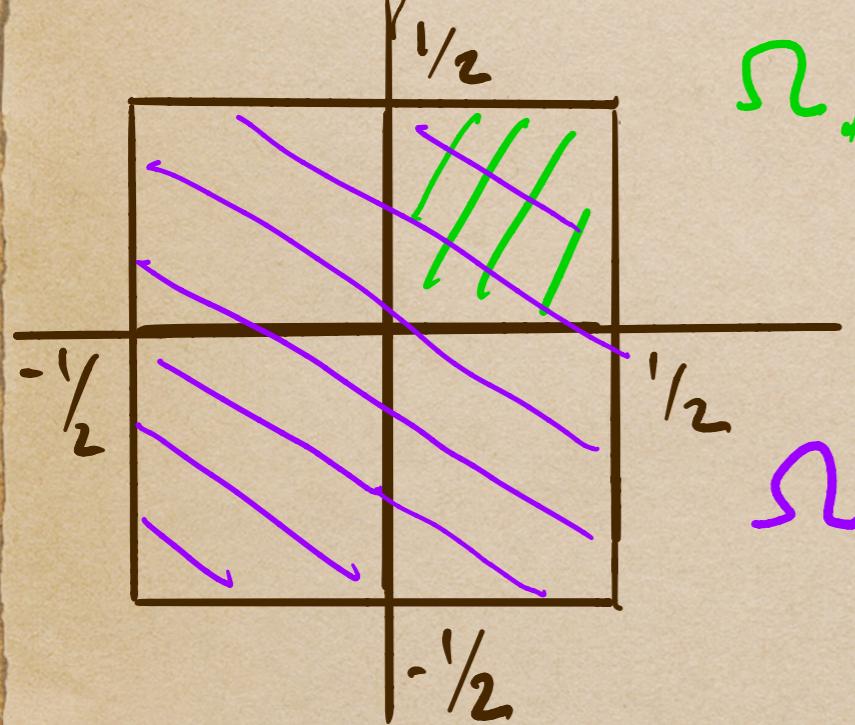
$$S_\Gamma(\Phi) = \overline{\text{span}} \left\{ T_k R_g \phi_i : \phi_i \in \Phi, (k, g) \in \Gamma \right\}$$

$S_\Gamma(\Phi)$  is  $\Gamma$  invariant (finitely generated)

$l(S_\Gamma)$  minimum number of generators.

Toy example  $R = \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $\Delta = \mathbb{Z}^2$

$G = \{\text{rotations by } \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}, I\}$



$$\Omega_* = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2 \rtimes G$$

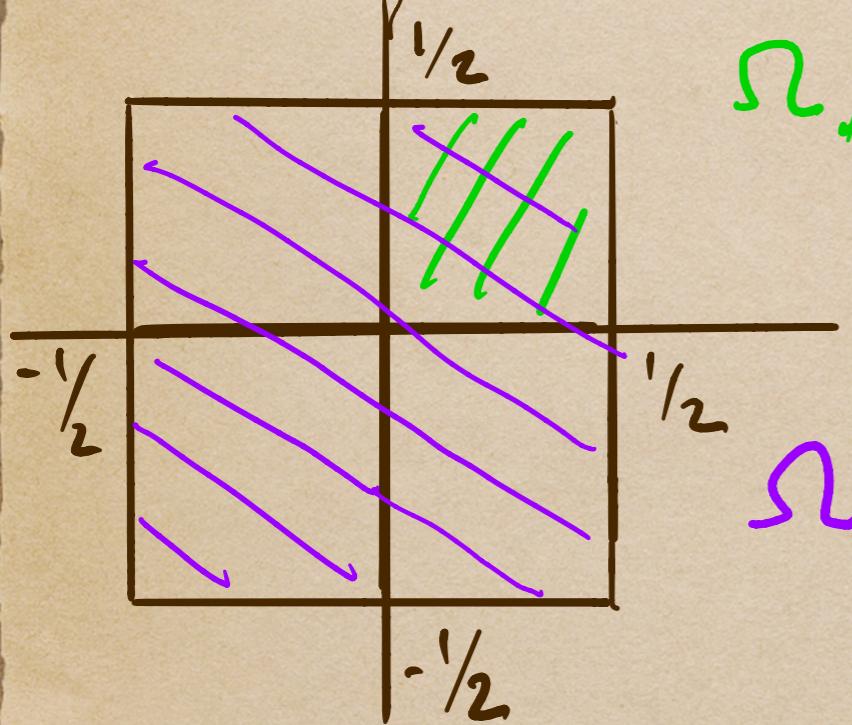
$$\Omega = \mathbb{R}^2 / \mathbb{Z}^2$$

$$\Omega = \bigcup_{g \in G} g \Omega_*$$

Note:  $S_R(\Phi) = \text{span} \{T_k R_g \phi_i : \phi_i \in \Phi, k \in \Lambda, g \in G\}$

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Note:  $S_R(\Phi) = \text{span} \left\{ T_k(R_g \phi_i) : \phi_i \in \Phi, k \in \mathbb{N}, g \in G \right\}$

$$= SIS(R_g \phi_i : \phi_i \in \Phi, g \in G) !!$$

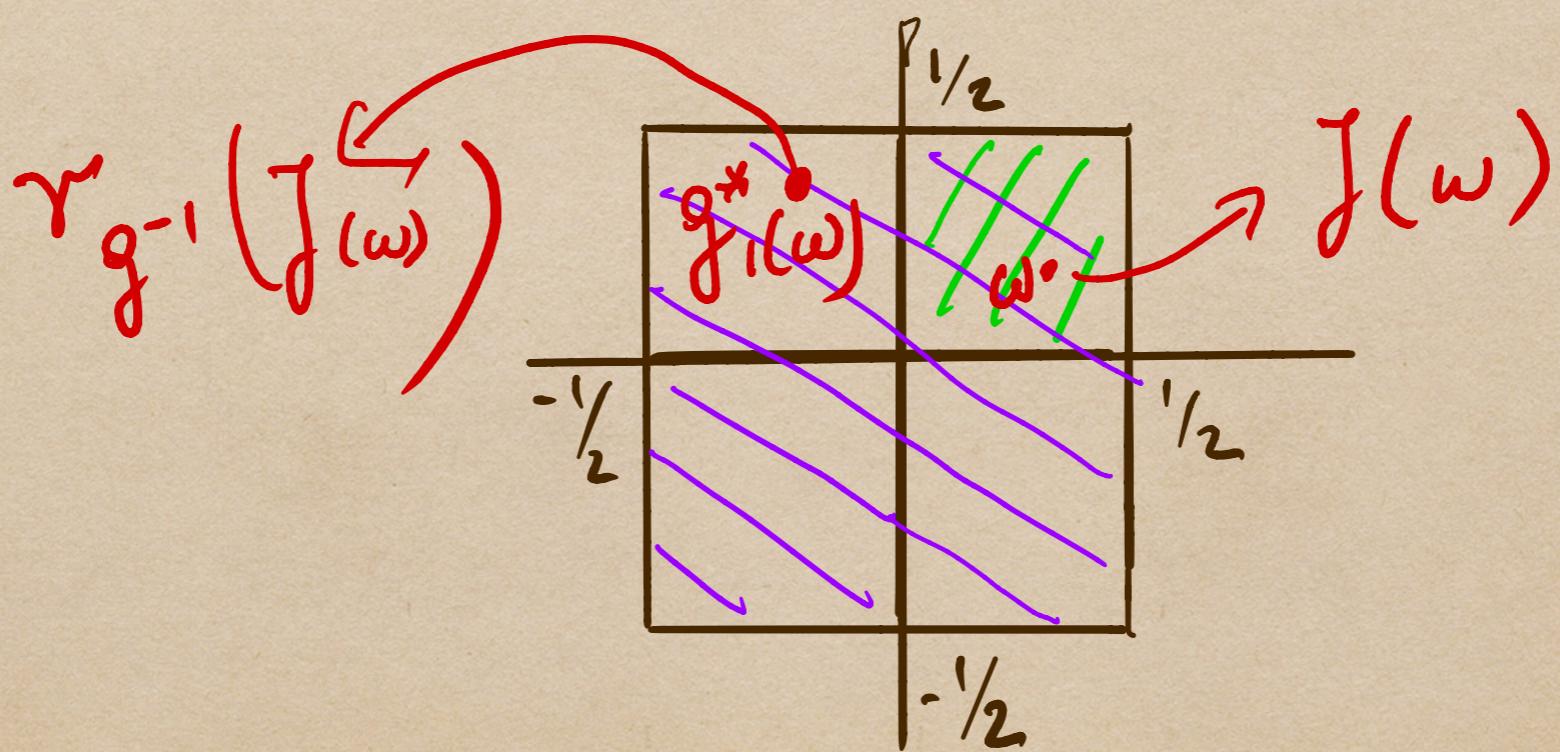
So  $S_r$  is also  $\Delta$ -invariant!

Among all  $\Delta$ -invariant spaces which are the ones that are  $\Gamma$  invariant?

Then  $V \subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R})$  is  $\Gamma$ -invariant  
iff if and only if it is  $\Delta$ -invariant  
and its range function satisfies  
 $r_g J(g^* \omega) = J(\omega)$

or  $J(g^*\omega) = r_{g^{-1}} J(\omega)$

$$(r_g(a))(k) = a(g^*k)$$



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Theorem : Given data  $\mathcal{F} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$   
 $\subseteq L^2(\mathbb{R})$  and  $\ell > 0$ , there exists  $V \in \ell_p^\ell$   
such that  $V = S_p(\Psi)$  with  
 $\Psi = \{\Psi_1, \dots, \Psi_\ell\}$  a Parseval frame generator  
and  $\varepsilon(S_p(\Psi), \mathcal{F}) \leq \varepsilon(S_p(\Phi), \mathcal{F}) + \delta \in \ell_p^\ell$ .

Hint of proof:  $\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{f_1, \dots, f_m\}$

$$\tilde{\mathcal{F}} = \{R_g f_i\}_{i=1}^m, g \in G \rightarrow \tilde{\mathcal{I}}(\tilde{\mathcal{F}})$$

approximate for  $\omega$  in  $\Omega_0$ .

Then force the generators to

me satisfy  $\mathcal{I}(g^* \omega) = r_{g^{-1}} \mathcal{I}(\omega)$

$\Rightarrow$  we have group invariant gener

# Examples by Davide Barbieri

Original images from

image-net . 2000 images

$d = 345 \times 345$  pixels  $(345 = 23 \times 15)$

$\% \text{ of stdm. values}$   $\overbrace{\text{average p(pixel)}}$

Error:  $\frac{100}{255} \left( \frac{1}{d^2} \sum_{m \in \mathbb{Z}_d \times \mathbb{Z}_d} |f_i(m) - P_{S(\Phi)} f_i(m)|^2 \right)^{1/2}$

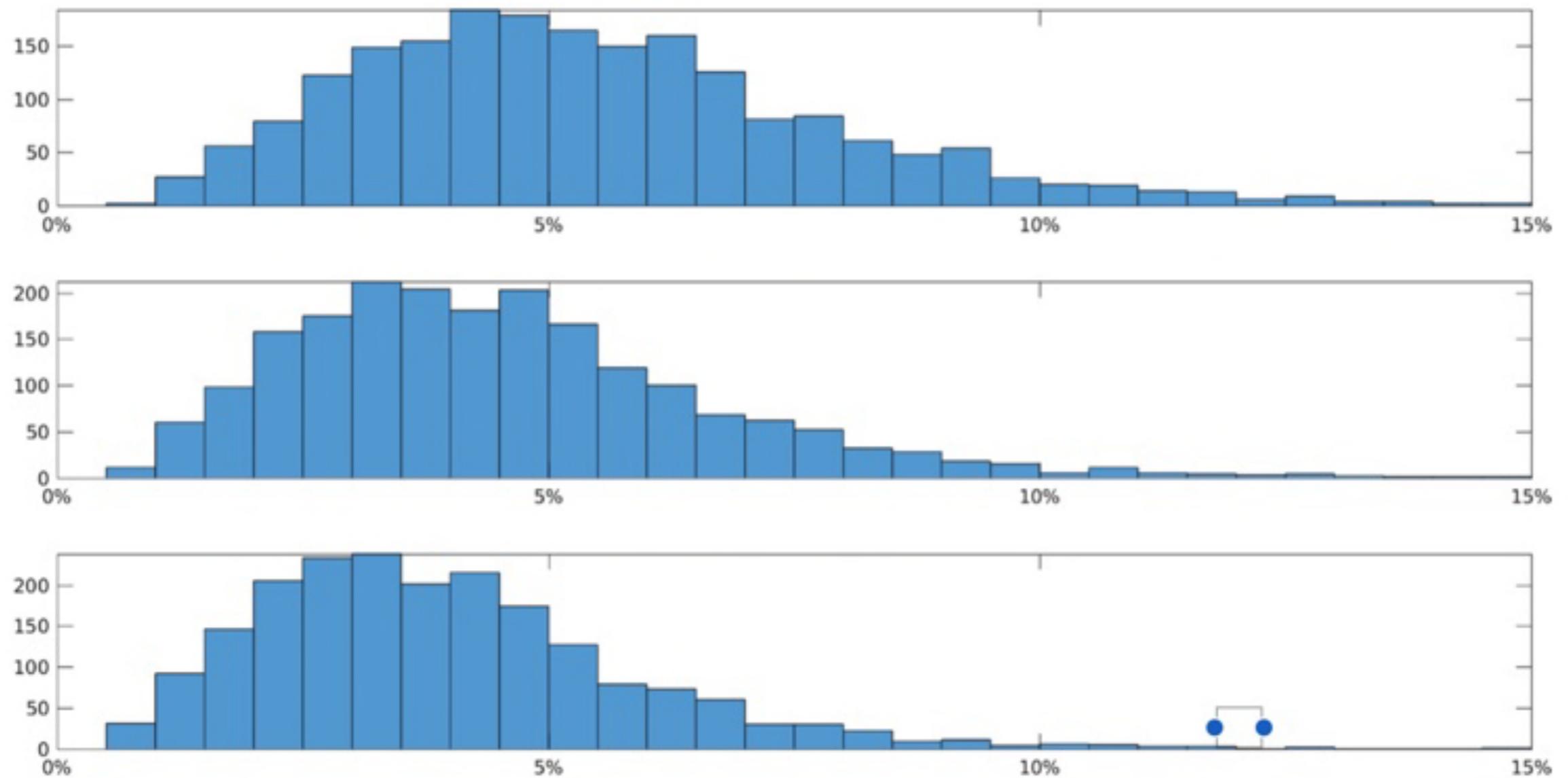


Figure 2. Occurrences of errors for the approximation of the dataset with  $\kappa = 8, 14, 19$ . On the horizontal axis: the error by pixel (5.1). On the vertical axis: the corresponding number of images for the error.



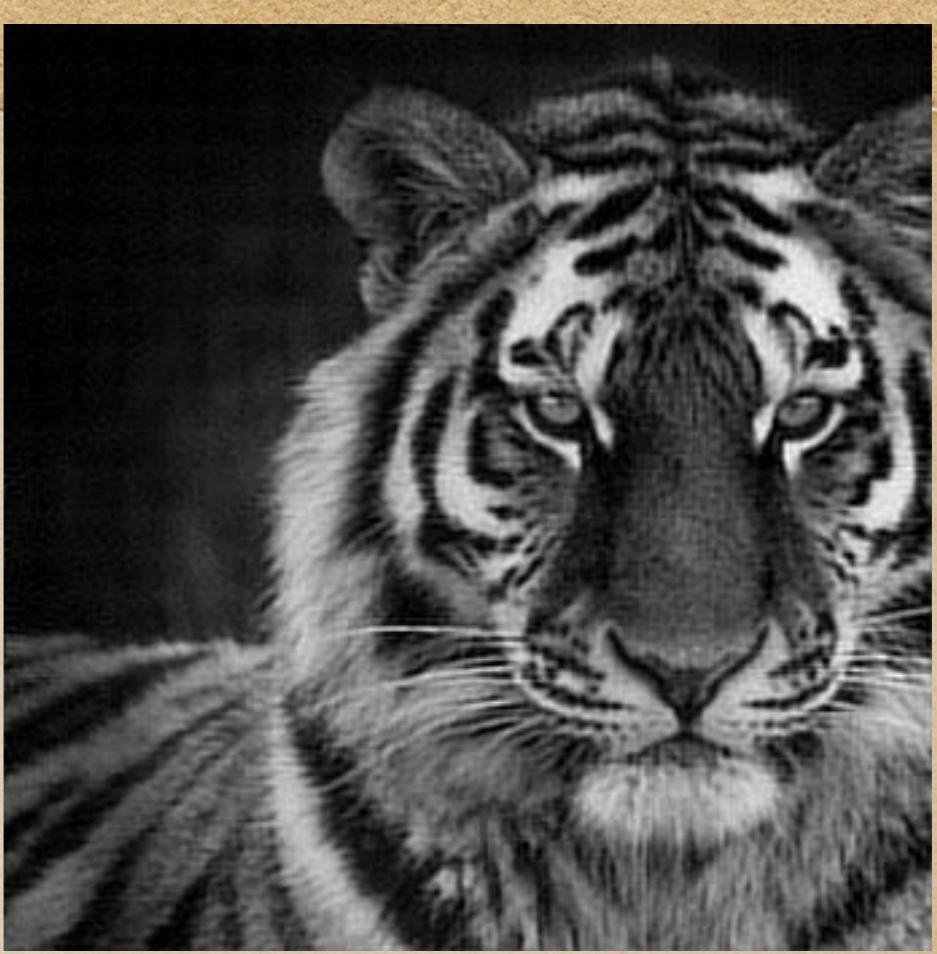
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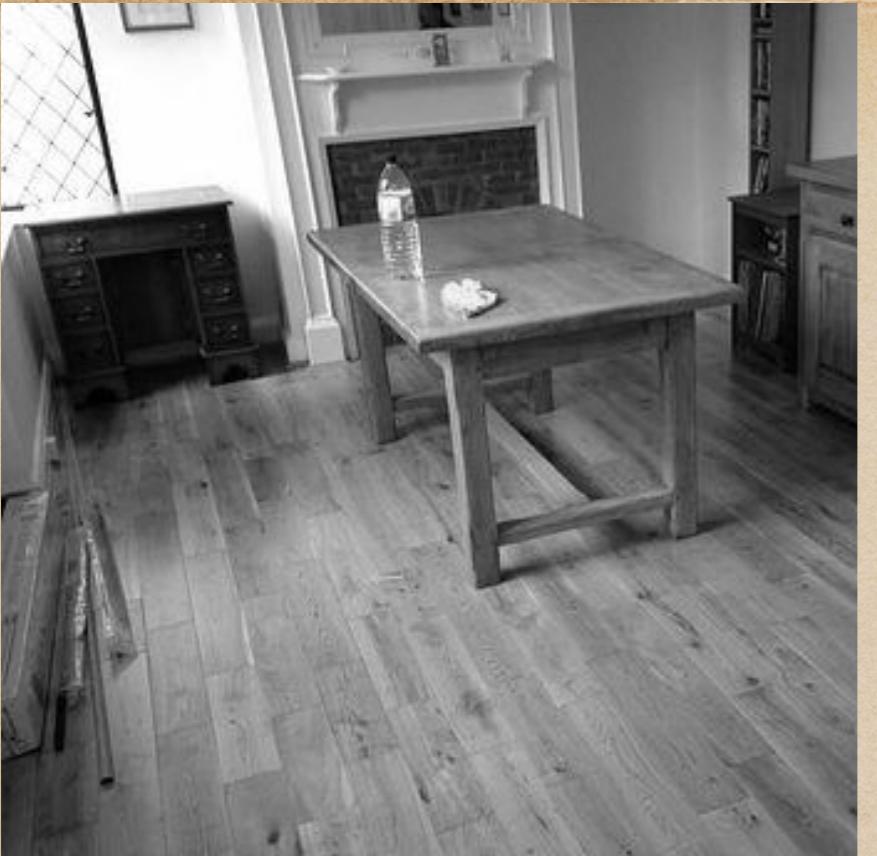
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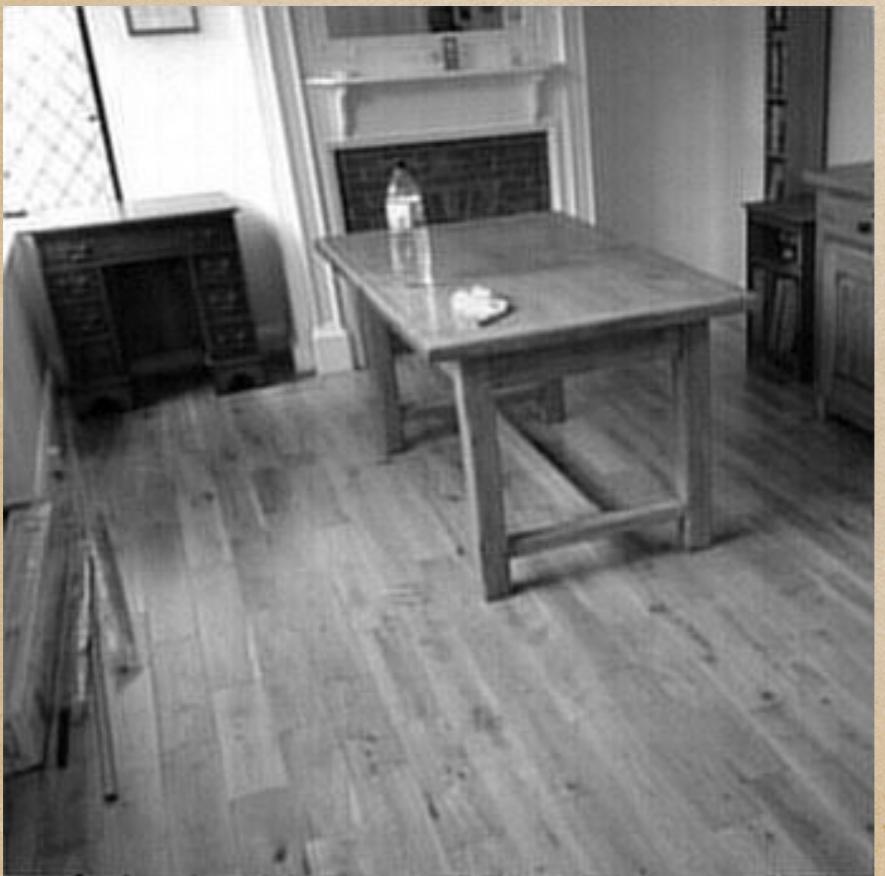
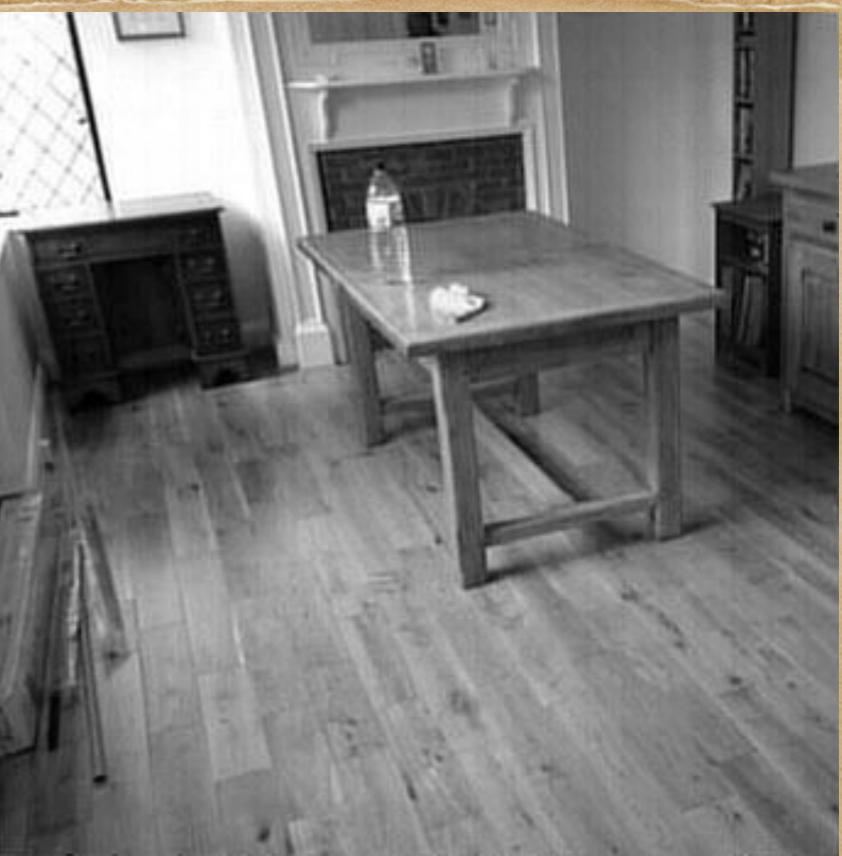
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$l = 14$   
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$l = 19$   
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Thank you!

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1  for  $\omega \in \Omega_0 \cup \{0\}$ 
2      for  $i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, g \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ 
3          compute  $x^{i,g} = \mathcal{T}_r[f_i](\omega)^g$  using (3.2)
4      end
5      organize  $\{x^{i,g} : i \in \{1, \dots, m\}, g \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}\}$  in a matrix  $X$  as in (4.3)
6      compute the first  $4\kappa$  columns of  $U$  in the SVD of  $X = U\Sigma V^*$ 
7      re-organize them into elements  $\{U^s\}_{s=1}^{4\kappa}$  of  $\ell_2(L)$ 
8      for  $j \in \{1, \dots, \kappa\}, g \in \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ 
9          store  $\varphi_j(\omega)^g = U^{4(j-1)+g+1}$ 
10     end
11   end
12   for  $j \in \{1, \dots, \kappa\}$ 
13       compute  $\phi_j = \mathcal{T}_r^{-1}[\varphi_j]$  using (3.3)
14   end

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